



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 4 Tsothóhra/December 2023

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (joined remotely), Cody Diabo, Ryan Montour, Mike Delisle Jr., Stephen McComber, Arnold Boyer, Lindsay LeBorgne, Ross Montour, and Harry Rice

Out: Kenitsénhaienhs Jessica Lazare (Vacation) and Iohahiio Delisle (Wellness)

Also Present: Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor – attended for Housekeeping portion only), Vernon Goodleaf (Project Leader, Office of the Council of Chiefs), Justus Polson-Lahache (Public Relations – joined remotely), and Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Ross Montour
- Chiefs Breakfast to take place Thursday, December 14th
- Cheque Signers: Lindsay LeBorgne and Arnold Boyer
- Public Relations Items: Chiefs Uncut – Ryan Montour (December 4), Tonya Perron (December 11); MCK Friday – Iohahiio Delisle (December 8); Chiefs Kiosks (December 1 & 15); Chiefs Photos (December 11)
- Donation to local Cancer Support Group from Council of Chiefs & Chief Political Advisor in the amount of \$640 for 'Movember' initiative led by Arnold Boyer and Lindsay LeBorgne.
- Office of the Council of Chiefs (OCC) Christmas Dinner planning
- Community Meeting Discussion Items: Land Allotments, *Regulation Concerning Dispensaries and Dispensary Licenses* for the *Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law*, Indigenous Rights & Research and Seigneurie of Sault St.Louis, and White/Montour Judgment. **Approved by Consensus**
- Cody Diabo requested to attend Canada's Strategy for Satellite Observation at the Third National Earth Observation Forum on May 28 - 30, 2024. Approved to register.
- Confidential letter of request to the Council of Chiefs. Decision to hold a strategic discussion. Mike Delisle, Jr. and Ryan Montour were excused for this item.
- **Ross Montour:** Tuesday: Tewatohnhi'saktha Board meeting; Wednesday: Strategic Discussions; Thursday: Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable (MTMD) meeting on l'Île-aux-Tourtes
- **Harry Rice:** Thursday: Office of the Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registry staff meeting; Thursday: Client Based Services (CBS) quarterly meeting, Friday: Vacation
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: MTMD meeting on l'Île-aux-Tourtes; Friday: Land Designation Working Group
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: Kateri Food Basket Committee meeting; Thursday: CBS quarterly meeting
- **Mike Delisle Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting; Thursday: Meeting with Senator Scott Tannas on Bill S-268
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Kateri Food Basket Committee meeting; Thursday: Sustainable Development meeting
- **Arnold Boyer:** Monday: Leisure Path Project Working Group meeting with PlanIt Consulting and Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated; Tuesday: delivering donation to local Cancer Support Group; Friday: Attending Public Works lunch
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: Cheque Signing; Thursday: CBS quarterly meeting, Public Works weekly meeting; Friday: Attending Public Works staff lunch
- **Tonya Perron:** Monday: Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board applicant interview; Tuesday: Attending Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Chiefs Assembly (Ottawa) until Thursday; Wednesday: Strategic Discussions review (remotely); Thursday: KLS meeting, Friday: Chiefs Uncut and Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services meeting, Meeting to review council package templates, Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board applicant interview
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: AFN Chiefs Assembly (Ottawa) until Thursday; Wednesday: Strategic Discussions, Interview with Weather Channel; Thursday: Meeting with Senator Scott Tannas on Bill S-268, St-Lawrence Initiative; Friday: Meeting to review council package templates and Capital Campaign for the Kahnawà:ke Multi-Purpose Building Project



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Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive (MCED): Mandate to Negotiate – Lands Unit

Presence of Alexandre Beaupre (Executive Revenue Officer), Eric Doucet (Legal Counsel, MCK Legal Services) and Jean Guimond (General Manager, Land Management). Portfolio Chief Cody Diabo. Request for official mandate for Land Management to negotiate renewal agreement with First Nations Wireless for a tower located at the Kahnawà:ke Marina. This item was Client Attorney Privileged. MCED passed with **Chief Harry Rice objecting**.

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Sports and Recreation Unit (SRU) Infrastructure Application

Presence of Roiahtate Horn (Director, SRU) and Kwaronienhawi Jacobs (General Manager, SRU). Portfolio Chief Harry Rice. Request to support application for Sports and Recreation infrastructure through the Ministère de l'Éducation Financial Assistance Program for Recreational, Sports and Outdoor Infrastructures fund. The application would fund 66% of the \$1,970,669.87 total cost estimated for the Infrastructure Project, to complete necessary upgrades that enhance safety and client experience for the Kahnawà:ke Sports Complex. The remaining 34% has been confirmed to be provided by Kahnawà:ke Shakotii'a'takehnhas Community Services Child and Family Services funding. **Passed by Consensus.**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Enactment of Regulation Concerning Dispensaries and Dispensary Licenses

Presence of Suzanne Jackson (Legal Counsel, MCK Legal Services). Portfolio Chief Tonya Perron. Request to enact the *Regulation Concerning Dispensaries and Dispensary Licenses* as it pertains to the *Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law*. On December 10, 2018, the *Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law* was enacted by Mohawk Council Resolution #2/2018-2019. On October 18, 2021 three regulations were enacted via MCED #82/2021-2022. In order for the *Regulation Concerning Dispensaries and Dispensary Licenses* to be enacted, the *Moratorium Prohibiting the Distribution and Sale of Cannabis on the Territory* enacted on September 11, 2017 (MCED #48/2017-2018) must also be rescinded (see next MCED). A portion of this item was Client Attorney Privileged. **Passed by Consensus.**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Rescindment of Cannabis Moratorium

Presence of Suzanne Jackson (Legal Counsel, MCK Legal Services). Portfolio Chief Tonya Perron. Request to rescind MCED #48/2017-2018, imposing a moratorium prohibiting the distribution and sale of cannabis on the Territory. This item was Client Attorney Privileged. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Gaming Mandate

Presence of Onerahtókha Marquis (MCK Executive Director) and Eric Doucet (Legal Counsel, MCK Legal Services). Portfolio Chief: Ross Montour. This item was Client Attorney Privileged. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Federal Transfer Request

Presence of Melanie Gilbert (General Manager, Office of the Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registry). Portfolio Chief: Harry Rice. Request to approve Federal Transfer to the Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawake Registry, of an applicant who has met the criteria of the *Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Law*. **Passed by Consensus**

Other Executive Directives:

- Four (4) land allotments. **Passed by Consensus.** Please note: Harry Rice abstained from two (2) land allotments due to personal relationships with the persons involved

Executive Office Updates:

Onerahtókha Marquis provided updates on Mohawk Online Limited, the Kahnawà:ke Sovereign Wealth Fund and changes to scheduled strategic discussions

Updates

Harry Rice updated on the Montreal Alouettes relationship with Kahnawà:ke

Cody Diabo updated on Mayor of Chateauguay Eric Allard meeting regarding municipal residential development

Ryan Montour updated on the Commission de la Construction du Québec (CCQ) Advisory Committee and Kahnawà:ke Labor Office discussions for the recognition and inclusion of the Kahnawà:ke workforce in Québec, and the first session of the *Kahnawà:ke Animal Control Law* Hearing



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Mike Delisle Jr. updated on discussion with Geoffrey Kelley regarding l'Île-aux-Tourtes, additional information on Northvolt, Kahnawà:ke Sovereign Wealth Fund, and postponement of the upcoming meeting with Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis Special Ministerial Representative Deborah Corber

Ross Montour added commentary on Chateauguay residential development and l'Île-aux-Tourtes, and updated on Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations

Stephen McComber updated on potential of support for Sustainable Development projects, and local food donations

Arnold Boyer updated on the completion of brush clearing along the Memorial Path adjacent to the Route 138/132 Service Road, and the Leisure Path Project

Lindsay LeBorgne updated on additional information on the Leisure Path Project

Closing by Cody Diabo. Meeting ended at **3:20pm**.